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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1439

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 7, 2005

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Voter Identification.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Brown T

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill requires a precinct election officer to ask a voter to provide proof of identification before the voter is permitted to vote. The bill provides that proof of identification is an unexpired document issued by the United States or the state that shows: (1) the name of the individual to whom the document was issued; and (2) a photograph of that individual. The bill provides that if the voter states that the voter is indigent or has a religious objection to being photographed, the voter's refusal to provide identification must be affirmed under the penalties for perjury and noted on the poll list and in the statewide voter registration list.

Effective Date: Upon passage.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Summary-* Under the bill, poll clerks and assistant poll clerks would either check the photo identification of a voter or collect an affidavit from a voter with either indigent or religious objection to photo identification upon entrance to the polls. The provision of the bill would add to the administrative responsibility of poll clerks. However, the provision should be able to be administered within existing local resources.

Background- Based on a small sample of Indiana counties, per diem for election board members range from \$65 to \$150 for inspectors and from \$40 to \$100 for judges, clerks, and sheriffs.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Precinct election boards.

Information Sources: Various County Election Boards and County Circuit Court Clerk's Offices.

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